

CONVERSATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: THE FAITHFULNESS OF WONDERING

For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12

How many stars fill the sky? How many grains of sand cover the earth? Most of the universe remains undiscovered and unnamed. Billions of galaxies exist beyond our view. On Earth, ocean creatures still await discovery, as do insect species on land. The apostle Paul reminds us that for now, we see only in part. We do not know everything! Questions and curiosity help us grow in our understanding of the world and our faith. It is good to ask, to wonder, and to make space for mystery. Through wonder, we hold big questions, welcome new learning, and deepen our connection with the God we have not yet seen and with one another.

Wondering is praise.

Wondering opens our hearts to God's power, far greater than we can comprehend. It proclaims, God is great, God is good.

Wondering is reverence.

To wonder is to stand in awe before the beauty, mystery, and complexity God's creation, and honor it with our attention.

Wondering grows empathy.

By asking, "What is it like to be in another's place?", wondering turns our hearts toward others. It nurtures compassion for people, creatures, and the earth.

Wondering is an act of humility.

When we wonder, we admit to not having all the answers. We remain teachable—open to discovery about ourselves, our neighbors, and God.

Wondering keeps us connected.

Across time and cultures, people of faith have asked big questions. When we wonder, we remember we are part of a larger story, and never alone.



WONDERING IS AN ACT OF GREAT FAITHFULNESS!

I **WONDER** what it's like to be a tree ...
Can you move or dance like a tree?

I wonder what **GOD** looks like ...
Draw a picture of what you think
GOD looks like!

What are you **WONDERING** about today? If you would like, share your **WONDERINGS** with a friend.

They might be wondering about something today **TOO!**

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